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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 022101-001500US

Client Ref. No.: 18981-US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Jaeger, S.

Application No.: 10/087631

Filed: March 1, 2002

For: METHOD FOR THE  
DETERMINATION OF A NUCLEIC  
ACID USING A CONTROL

Customer No.: 41504

Confirmation No. 3750

Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one month extension of time, from February 1, 2006 through March 1, 2006, accompanies this amendment.

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.